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## **Hearing: The Science of Prevention**

*Members to Assess Nuclear and Biological Attack Countermeasures*

**WHO:** Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack  
Chairman John Linder (R-GA)

**WHEN:** 2 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2006

**WHERE:** TBA

### **WITNESSES**

#### **PANEL I**

**Dr. John Marburger**  
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Executive Office of the President

**Jay M. Cohen**  
Under Secretary for Science and Technology  
Department of Homeland Security

**Vayl Oxford**  
Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office  
Department of Homeland Security

#### **PANEL II**

**Dr. William Happer**  
Cyrus Fogg Brackett Professor of Physics  
Princeton University

**Dr. Ronald M. Atlas**  
Past President  
American Society of Microbiology

### **BACKGROUND**

Shortly after 9/11, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was tasked with developing countermeasures against nuclear and biological attack. The Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack will hold a hearing to determine what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done five years later. This hearing will examine homeland security research and development priorities and progress in the Science and Technology Directorate and the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office at DHS.